

**CITY OF FAIRHOPE
ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES
OF ANNEXATION**

ADVANTAGES

- Vote in Municipal Elections – only if this is your primary residence
- Two garbage pickups each week
- One recycle pickup each week
- One trash pickup each week
- Use of City dump
- Utility rates decrease
- Cost of sewer tap fee is less
- Fire/Police Protection and protection w/in PJ
- City maintain right-of ways not County
- Access of City animal shelter
- Limit on the number of animals you may have
- Streets are resurfaced at no cost
- Mobile homes are grandfathered in
- Replacement of home and/or renovation of homes must meet City of Fairhope Building Regulations.

DISADVANTAGES

- Property tax increase by 15 mills - \$150/\$100,000 value
- Must pay full business license fee w/in PJ pay _ business license fee.
- Businesses that are not in operation for 1 year or more zoning will convert to R1 zoning.
- Replacement of mobile homes is not allowed unless the area is zoned for mobile homes.

There are other regulations enforced, and you are welcome to view the City Code book, Zoning ordinances, and other materials to see if any ordinances/regulations apply to you and/or your subdivision. You may also contact the building department regarding building and zoning, drainage and stormwater management, and inspections issues.

Public Improvements such as paving of roads, sewer system, and water service, etc. are installed if 51% of the property owners are in favor of the improvement. A 10-year assessment is levied against your property, unless a grant is secured.

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